



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

TITLE: National Agroforestry Survey

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0535-NEW

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to collect, prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, prices, and disposition; as well as economic statistics, environmental statistics related to agriculture and also to conduct the Census of Agriculture.

The survey will collect data whether the operator uses any of five agroforestry practices typically used for conservation: Windbreaks, Silvopasture, Riparian Forest Buffers, Alley Cropping, as well as Forest Farming & Multi-story Cropping.

Windbreaks are linear plantings of trees and shrubs designed to provide economic, environmental and community benefits. The primary purpose of most windbreaks is to slow the wind which creates a more beneficial condition for soils, crops, livestock, wildlife and people.

Silvopasture is the deliberate integration of trees and grazing livestock operations on the same land. These systems are intensively managed for both forest products and forage, providing both short- and long-term income sources.

A riparian forest buffer is an area adjacent to a stream, lake, or wetland that contains a combination of trees, shrubs, and/or other perennial plants and is managed differently from the surrounding landscape, primarily to provide conservation benefits.

Forest farming is the cultivation of high-value crops under the protection of a managed tree canopy. In some parts of the world, this is called multi-story cropping and when used on a small scale in the tropics it is sometimes called home gardening.

Alley cropping is defined as the planting of rows of trees and/or shrubs to create alleys within which agricultural or horticultural crops are produced. The trees may include valuable hardwood veneer or lumber species; fruit, nut or other specialty crop trees/shrubs; or desirable softwood species for wood fiber production.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: NASS would plan and conduct the survey and deliver access to a dataset or responses to approved staff from USDA-Forestry Service, who will

publish the results of the survey. This project is conducted as a cooperative effort with the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Forestry Service – National Agroforestry Center. Funding for this survey is being provided by the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Forestry Service – National Agroforestry Center.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Farmers and Ranchers

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 11,800

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Once

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 9,550

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